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SUBJ: DUTCH-GERMAN DISCUSSIONS ON EC AND DEVELOPMENT AID

1. PRESS REPORTEDD THAT HAGUE DISCUSSIONS JULY 2 BETWEEN
FRG MINISTER OF STATE WISCHNEWSKI AND GON STATE SECRETARY
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRINKHORST FAILED TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ON DEVELOPMENT AID AND HOW TO APPROACH
THIRD WORLD. HOWEVER, BOTH AGREED THAT A COMMON EC STANCE
ON THIRD WORLD ISSUED WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO INDIVIDUAL PO-
SITIONS BY EC MEMBER COUNTRIES. WISCHNEWSKI ALSO SPOKE OF DE-
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SIRABILITY FOR BOTH COUNTRIES TO WATER DOWN THEIR VIEWS,

WHILE BRINKHORST STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ADHERENCE TO COMMON EC POSITIONS. WISCHNEWSKI ADDED THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GON AND FRG WERE NOT AS GREAT AS IN THE PAST AND THAT PROSPECTS WERE FAVORABLE FOR CLOSER AGREEMENT.

2. WISCHNEWSKI MADE POINT OF NOTING THAT FRG HAD FAVORED PARTICIPATION BY EC CHAIRMAN AND EC COMMISSION IN PUERTO RICAN SUMMIT. BRINKHORST CHARACTERIZED GON-FRG BILATERAL RELATIONS AS EXCELLENT AND SAID BOTH COUNTRIES AGREED THAT INTERNAL CLHESION OF EC SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. HE NOTED THAT NETHERLANDS WOULD TRY DURING ITS SIX-MONTHS CHAIRMANSHIP TO PROMOTE "ECONOMIC CONVERGENCE" AND WAS USING GON-FRG EXCHANGE TO PROMOTE DECISION-MAKING IN EC. HE POINTED OUT THAT GON AND FRG HAD NEVER HAD DIVERGENT VIEWS ON DIRECT ELECTION FOR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THAT THEY SHARE VIEW THAT TINDEMANS REPORT SHOULD BE TREATED MORE INTENSIVELY, AND THAT THEY HOPED ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETINGS COULD BE HELD THIS MONTH WITH TURKY AND GREECE TO PERMIT NEGOTIATIONS ON GREECE'S ADMISSION TO EC TO START FORMALLY AFTER SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (BARON VAN GEEN) HAS TOLD US THAT, ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE WAS ISSUED, PRESS ACCOUNTS ACCURATELY REFLECT TENOR OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

4. POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN'S COMMENTS WERE ALONG SIMILAR LINES. HE SAID GERMAN MFA OFFICIALS WERE WELL AWARE OF NEED TO HARMONIZE EC-9 POLICIES IN NORTH-SOUTH CONTEXT, BUT PROBLEM WAS CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S HIGHLY CONSERVATIVE ATTITUDE THAT DETERMINED FRG DEVELOPMENT AID POLICIES AND FRUSTRATED EFFORTS OF LOWER-LEVEL OFFICIALS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THEIR EC-9 COLLEAGUES.

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